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EXTRAVAGANCE AND MISMANAGEMENT EVIDENT

WHETHER \$17,000 or 17 cents, the fact remains that Nye county should have had no necessity to borrow money this fall, in view of the fact that there had been no need for heavy outlay of public money, while the receipts from taxes had increased. Yet the board of county commissioners and their legal adviser, on the 14th day of September, passed a resolution unanimously, reciting that "great necessity has arisen in the management and conduct of the business of the county." Another whereas reads in part as follows: "The general fund is now exhausted and overdrawn; now, therefore, it is voted that this board be authorized to negotiate a temporary loan of \$17,500."

The legal adviser went to Carson City and on the 17th of September received from the state board of revenue authorization to proceed to incur the indebtedness. On the strength of this permit the commissioners borrowed \$2000 from a local bank.

By their own words in form of a public record, the commissioners of Nye admit that they have so conducted and managed the business of the county as to exhaust and overdraw the general fund. What benefit has the public reaped except to receive notification that in addition to having their assessment raised over a million dollars, they must pay on this amount an additional fifteen cents for the general fund. This is, in some respects, analogous to the administration war tax when the country is at peace.

LET US HAVE A NEW CODE

MEN and so mote it be to Secretary Lane's recommendation that the United States enact a new set of mining laws. He says in his report, made public today, that "The old code is so elaborate and so complicated that the best of brains cannot tell what the law is."

Nor is the code merely complicated, it is unjust. It gives rights that are unearned and takes away those that justice and common sense entitle. These laws were made for the benefit of a mining company on the Comstock and were drawn and introduced by a Nevada senator who was counsel for that company. Through the operation of this code the Virginia City mining company in question took away the property of neighbor through extralateral "rights."

No company or individual owning a claim in which an apex occurs can be blamed for exercising the privileges given him under the law, for if conditions were reversed, he would be the sufferer. So long as the law exists as it is, complications and injustices will continue and heavy court costs will pile up and innocent stockholders will suffer.

By all means revise the code and let us have vertical lines and fewer complications. It would result in justice to all and would vastly stimulate the mining industry and give greater security and stability to mining stocks.

EVEN REDFIELD SEES THE MENACE

SECRETARY REDFIELD in his report to congress today makes a very unexpected admission. He favors legislation to protect the industrial and commercial markets of the United States from a "destructive type of struggle and unfair competition" at the end of the war.

Yet perusal of his voluminous report, an advance copy of which was the privilege of the Bonanza before the date of release, evidences that the secretary is endeavoring to sidestep the main issue, and that is that this protection can only be obtained through a protective tariff. It may be that the secretary's report is merely paving the way for a change of faith on the part of Democracy. It would be just as well for the party to make a voluntary admission at this time, for otherwise it would be forced upon it later.

NYE WAS NOT FIRST

THE published statement by our district attorney that Nye was the first county in the state to take precautions against hydrophobia was somewhat inaccurate, as the records of Humboldt, Elko, White Pine and possibly other counties will show. It is rather unjust to the district attorneys and boards of commissioners of these counties for such a claim to be made by Nye and a retraction might save a feeling of resentment from arising.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

May be Mr. Ford will distribute a lot of Christmas presents for the men in the trenches. That would at least help the peace of mind of some of them.—Birmingham Ledger.

The British censor refused to permit the discovery of a new comet to be reported to the outside world. Maybe he was so nervous he mistook it for a Zeppelin.—Indianapolis Star.

A Chicago magistrate announces that he is going to try to make lazy husbands work. Nothing lazy about a magistrate who will undertake such a job.—Albany Argus.

If mysterious fires and explosions in American munitions plants continue in frequency they will cease to be mysterious and become annoying.—Indianapolis News.

Probably the reported argument on board the Ford ship concerns the question whether the delegates are coming or going.—Boston Journal.

A headline says: "Royal Family Will Back King Constantine." Sure. And it's fine to have a family to hold your ground for you.—Atlanta Constitution.

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kansas and California; but of these latter minerals, as of nickel and some others of less importance, our supply is altogether inadequate for our consumption. We can build a battleship, or an automobile (excepting the tires), a railroad or a factory entirely from the products of American mines and forests.

KEITH SHEPARD and George Allen arrived this morning from Rio Vista academy and will spend the holidays with their relatives here.

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